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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

FROM: John L. Helgerson
Director of Congressional Affairs

SUBJECT: Proposed Telephone Call to Joe McDade

1. The Defense Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee continues to argue about how and whether to fund "Boren's billions" for our new reconnaissance systems. Yesterday afternoon some Members suggested that you should appear before the Subcommittee this morning to answer some specific questions about these proposed systems and help them make some decisions.

2. Working with Committee staff, I made the point that your call to Chairman Bill Chappell in the late afternoon apparently had satisfied him. We agreed that a sensible step would be for you to make a similar phone call to Ranking Minority Member Joe McDade this morning. Mr. McDade can be reached in the Committee hearing room after 9:30 at 225-0465. Otherwise, his office phone number is 225-4035.

3. I recommend strongly that you do call Mr. McDade. We should avoid at all costs having you go down to Congress to join in their fight on this issue.

4. You could use with Mr. McDade the same talking points you used with Bill Chappell, which I have attached. Additionally, we know that Mr. McDade is anxious about outyear funding. I would recommend, therefore, the following additional points, which I have discussed with [redacted]:

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--We have a commitment from this Administration to provide funding for FY 90 and the outyears over and above our existing programs.

--We recognize these programs will be expensive. They cannot be financed by cutting back on existing programs, even if we wanted to do so.

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--The coming election ensures that we will elicit a reaffirmation for outyear funding from a new Administration. We acknowledge this could fail, but believe it is important to go ahead in FY 89 with these critical programs.

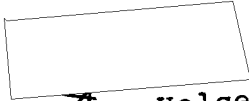
5. Senator Boren in late afternoon learned of the possibility of your having to appear before the House Committee. I talked with him by telephone and he offers the following counsel:

--Senator Boren says the House will probably compromise by shaving the FY 89 funding some \$30-40 million.

--Senator Boren also fears that Mr. McDade wants to cancel the processing portion of the enhancement package (but protect the new hardware provisions).

--Senator Boren says that in a worst case situation he would agree to cut the total package back by as much as \$50 million, but both he and Senator Hollings are adamant that the processing improvements should stay in the package.

6. I told Senator Boren that I believe you would not want to get into the details of the compromise the two Committees must work out on the precise funding level. I underscored that we agree completely that processing must be left in for the package to make sense.


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20 September 1988
OCA 88-3095

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

FROM: John L. Helgerson
Director of Congressional Affairs

SUBJECT: Proposed telephone call to Chairman Bill Chappell

1. George Tenet has passed to me a request from Senator Boren that you telephone Bill Chappell, Chairman of the Defense Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee (225-4035) to urge favorable action on the Bill that will fund our enhancements for Arms Control Monitoring.

2. [] I believe the following talking points would be appropriate for use with Mr. Chappell. 25X1

- We understand the bill providing for our arms control enhancement package is now in conference.

- This package will provide necessary funds for important new collection systems, and equipment for improved processing and analysis of our increasing amounts of technical data. - 25X1

- As Bob Gates mentioned when he talked with you some weeks ago, we urge favorable consideration of the enhancement package.

- The Intelligence Community has done their homework and endorses the components of this package (it has not been forced on us by the Senate!).

- We understand the two Intelligence Committees have approved this measure and that your staff has been briefed.

- If you would like any additional specific information, I will have [] of our Intelligence Community staff come by at your convenience. 25X1

3. As this measure is now in conference, Senator Boren has noted that an early call would be most helpful.

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John L. Helgerson 25X1

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